

**PARKES, LOUISE SEARCY
PAPERS
1906-1936**

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INTRODUCTION

The Louise Searcy Parkes Papers are centered around the miscellaneous writings of Louise Searcy Parkes, of Nashville, Tennessee. The small collection is composed of certificates, church bulletins, class notes, poetry and essays, and other miscellaneous items. Although very little is known about Miss Parkes, she was a student at Belmont and Vanderbilt University in the early part of the twentieth century. In the 1920s, she was involved with the Methodist Episcopal Church's Women Missionary Society, and wrote several brochures touching on these subjects.

The Louise Searcy Parkes Papers were brought through the agency of Mrs. Roy C. Avery, of Nashville, Tennessee. Single copies of unpublished materials in the collection may be reproduced for scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Louise Searcy Parkes Papers, comprising .5 cubic feet of materials, span the period 1906 through 1936. The collection is composed of certificates, church bulletins, notes, poetry, printed materials, writings and other miscellaneous items. The collection is very small, and was received in no particular order.

The greater part of the collection is composed of college English themes and poetry written by Parkes at Belmont and Vanderbilt University. Each theme generally has a grade and comments by the professor. There are also class notes taken by Parkes during various English literature classes. Much of her essay material is amateurish and the poetry is second rate. Later, in the 1920s, she wrote tracts for the Methodist Episcopal Church's Women's Missionary Union. Three of these are represented in the collection.

Perhaps to gauge the thoughts and the educational progress of a young Southern woman in the early twentieth century, the Louise Searcy Parkes Papers may have some importance. But due to the fact that the collection is so small, its total usefulness to the researcher is doubtful.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

1. Certificates-- Methodist Church Training Course, 1916
2. Church Bulletins-- West End Methodist Church, 1936
3. Clippings-- miscellaneous
4. Grade Reports-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
5. Notes-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
6. Notes-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
7. Notes-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
8. Notes-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
9. Notes-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
10. Poetry-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
11. Poetry-- Parkes, Louise Searcy
12. Printed Materials-- Booklet, "Helen's Awakening"
13. Printed Materials-- Booklet, "Information for Leaders, Nashville, The Historic Center"
14. Printed Materials-- Booklet, "What the Fairy Showed Them"
15. Receipts-- Vanderbilt University, Parkes, Louise Searcy, 1916-1918
16. Writings-- Essays, Parkes, Louise Searcy
17. Writings-- Essays, Parkes, Louise Searcy
18. Writings-- Essays, Parkes, Louise Searcy
19. Writings-- Essays, Parkes, Louise Searcy
20. Writings-- Essays, Parkes, Louise Searcy
21. Writings-- Essays, Parkes, Louise Searcy